GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4909
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EXPORT OF HISTORIC ARTEFACTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the A.S.I. has permitted historic and medieval period artefacts to be exported abroad from Hazaribagh;

(b) if so, the reasons for A.S.I. taking a very lenient view on this matter;

(c) whether the ASI has appointed any team to study the Kushana era artefacts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether ASI will permit foreign buyers free access to such historic findings; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) : No, Sir. The Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 does not permit the export of antiquities and art treasures.

(b) : Question does not arise.

(c) : The Archaeological Survey of India has not constituted any such team for Hazaribagh.

(d) : Question does not arise.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Question does not arise.